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CHAPTER 396.

AN ACT to amend section 4951 of the statutes of 1898 relating to Bible and religious instructions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Bibles and religious instructions. SECTION 1. Section 4951 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the words, "Young Mens Christian Association" in the sixth line of said section the words: or any other religious association or corporation, and by inserting after the word "prison" in the ninth line of said section the words: parental school, industrial school, home for dependent children, so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 4951. The keeper of each prison shall provide, at the expense of the county, for each prisoner under his charge, who may be able and desirous to read, a copy of the Bible or New Testament, to be used by such prisoner at proper seasons during his confinement; and any minister of the gospel or person duly delegated by any regularly organized Young Mens Christian Association or any other religious association or corporation within the county, disposed to aid in reforming the prisoners and instructing them in their moral and religious duties, shall have access to them at reasonable and proper times. All persons committed to any reform school, prison, parental school, industrial school, home for dependent children or other place of confinement or commitment, shall be allowed spiritual advice and ministration from any recognized clergyman of the denomination or church to which they may respectively belong or did belong prior to their commitment or confinement, which advice and ministration shall be given within the place of confinement in such manner as will secure to such persons the free exercise of their religious belief and under such reasonable rules and regulations as the officers in charge of such place shall prescribe.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 17, 1905.